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1. As of mid-October the Chinese Communists had established a Vietnamese Communist training regiment for personnel of the Vietnamese Communist forces at Chinghsi (106-25, 23-09) and Shangshihchen (106-51, 22-04) in P'inghsiang Hsien, Kwangsi.
2. This regiment consisted of four battalions. Each battalion was made up of six companies of 170 men each. The men were recruited mainly from platoon and squad leaders of the Vietnamese Communist forces and partly from young students of the primary and secondary schools in Indochina.
3. The 1st and 2nd Battalions were stationed at Chinghsi and the 3rd and 4th Battalions were at Changshihchen.
4. The commanding officer was CH'EN Ti-shih (陳鐵石) from the Peining Military Headquarters.

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His assistant in the regiment was PAO Ha-ting (包曉定) of the Vietnamese Communist forces, formerly in command of a detachment in the Vietnamese Communist Army. The political commissar was NI Tzu-ya (倪子亞) and the assistant political commissar was WEN K'o-hua (溫克華) who was concurrently head of the political department. The instructor and the executive personnel of the battalions and companies were appointed by the Chinese Communists and some of the assistant officers were appointed by the Vietnamese Communist representatives.

5. The full training period for the regiment was to be three months. It began on 20 August. The first month was to be devoted to political and thought training. The last two months were to be devoted to weapon and technical training, with special attention paid to lessons learned in Korea. The training was chiefly with Russian weapons, although some American and Japanese arms were used. There were 23 Soviet officers attached to the regiment together with about 30 interpreters.

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6. In September the Chinese Communists in Kwangsi were openly appealing to the public for help to Indochina. In all public places portraits of Ho Chi Minh and Vo Nguyen Giap and such posters as "Help the Indochinese People's Government," "Down with the American and French Imperialists" and "Liberate the whole of Indochina" were prominently displayed.

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1. Comment. The Vietnamese equivalent is Bao Cap Dinh.

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